

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement regarding President Obama's review of intelligence failures leading up to the attempted terrorist attack on Christmas Day:

"Today, the President revealed that our intelligence community failed to connect the dots in the days leading up to the Christmas Day terrorist incident. Part of the problem was a failure to identify and act on the intelligence we had and disseminate it to all relevant government entities. In the days ahead, we must continue to ask hard questions of our national security team and take concrete steps to reform our intelligence system.

"To that end, the House Homeland Security Committee will be holding a hearing to determine what went wrong in the days, weeks, and months leading up to this thwarted attack. As Vice Chair of the Committee, it is imperative that Congress and the Administration continue to work together to ensure our intelligence, homeland security, and law enforcement communities have the tools they need to keep the American people safe and prevent future attacks."

On Wednesday, January 27th, the House Committee on Homeland Security will hold a hearing on the December 25th terror plot. The full committee hearing, entitled "Flight 253: Learning Lessons from an Averted Tragedy," will occur at 10am in 311 Cannon House Office building. A witness list will follow.

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